

**§ 1522.103 Requirements for validation firms.**

In addition to the other requirements of this part, a validation firm must meet the following requirements to be approved to assess certified cargo screening facilities:

(a) *Resources.* The validation firm must have sufficient facilities, resources, and personnel to conduct the assessments.

(b) *Security Coordinator.* The validation firm must designate and use a Security Coordinator and at least one alternate Security Coordinator.

(1) The Security Coordinator and alternates must be senior employees or officers of the firm, and must be readily available during normal business hours.

(2) The Security Coordinator and designated alternates must serve as the validation firm's primary contact for security-related activities and communications with TSA.

(3) The Security Coordinator must immediately initiate corrective action for any instance of non-compliance by the validation firm with any applicable TSA security requirement.

(c) *Security Program.* The validation firm must obtain TSA approval of a security program and must implement the security program.

(d) *Personnel.* The validation firm must ensure that its personnel carry out the requirements of this chapter and the validation firm's security program.

(e) *Change in information.* (1) The validation firm must inform TSA, in a form and manner prescribed by TSA, of any change in the information required to be submitted by the validation firm to TSA under this part within seven days of the change.

(2) Changes included within the requirement of this paragraph include, but are not limited to, changes in the validation firm's address, phone number, or other contact information, the identity of the Security Coordinator or alternate, significant changes in ownership of the firm.

**§ 1522.105 Adoption and implementation of the security program.**

(a) *Security program required.* No person may operate as a validation firm

unless that person holds and carries out an approved security program under this part.

(b) *Content.* The validation firm standard security program together with approved alternate procedures and amendments that TSA has issued to that particular firm constitutes that firm's security program. Each security program under this part must—

(1) Provide for the security of aircraft, as well as that of persons and property traveling in air transportation, against acts of criminal violence and air piracy, and against the introduction into aircraft of any unauthorized explosive, incendiary, and other destructive substance or item;

(2) Describe the processes and procedures to be used to maintain current qualifications, credentials, or accreditations, training, and security threat assessments for relevant personnel;

(3) Describe the facilities, support personnel, and other resources to be used in conducting assessments; and

(4) Require that the validation firm designate and use a Security Coordinator and at least one alternate Security Coordinator.

(c) *Amendment requested by a validation firm or applicant.* A validation firm or applicant may file a request for an amendment to its security program with the TSA designated official at least 45 calendar days before the date it proposes for the amendment to become effective, unless the designated official allows a shorter period. Any validation firm may submit to TSA a group proposal for an amendment that is on behalf of it and other validation firms that co-sign the proposal.

(1) Within 30 calendar days after receiving a proposed amendment, the designated official, in writing, must either approve or deny the request to amend.

(2) An amendment to a validation firm's security program may be approved if the designated official determines that safety and the public interest will allow it, and if the proposed amendment provides the level of security required under this part.

(3) Within 30 calendar days after receiving a denial of the proposed amendment, the validation firm may petition